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received basic training at the drill ground and other troops were seen at maintenance work in the ordnance shop and the vehicle sheds. Four radio trucks with covered numbers were seen near the ordnance shop as previously. About 50 troops with rifles entered the installation, coming from the firing range east of Trarper Chaussee. At about 3:45 p.m., about 180 troops received basic drill at the drill ground. A column of 6 trucks occupied by each 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, [redacted]

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4. On 7 February, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. On 20 January, 5 trucks with ammunition [redacted] entered the west section of the installation from the direction of Pinow. On 25 January, 1 half-track vehicle and 2 armored personnel carriers entered the installation from the direction of the town. On 26 January, 1 JSU-249 gun and 1 sedan were destroyed at the Eberswalde railroad station and subsequently left for the installation. [redacted] did not observe the unloading of 4 canvas-covered guns observed on 4 flatcars with sidetracks at the ramp. The guns were no longer observed on 27 January. On 28 January, trucks [redacted] each occupied by 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation from the direction of Trarpe, while recruits received training at the drill ground. On 4 February, [redacted] unusually many tank tracks from the rear of the installation toward Trarpe. Dirt roads and forest lanes were heavily rutted. All was quiet in the installation. [redacted] the belief that elements of the troops were absent for exercise. [redacted]

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5. On 7 February, the cantonment on Breitscheidtstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops. Centries observed wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. [redacted] 27 trucks in the yard of the installation. [redacted]

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6. Trucks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the Britz cantonment, which was occupied to capacity by about 800 to 900 troops.

7. [redacted] between 1 and 4 February, troops had been quartered in wood camps on either side of Trarper Chaussee, leaving the camps during the night on 3 February. AT gun emplacements were seen in the woods west of the highway south of the Leuenberg meadows, about 200 meters from the edge of the woods, while 132-mm rocket launchers were observed in the area of the camp. Heavy mortars, guns, presumably AT and AA guns, and armored personnel carriers were seen east of the highway south of the firing range. Woodcutters from Trarpe stated that, during the night on 3 February and prior to 8 a.m. on 4 February, columns kept passing through Trarpe, coming from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeding toward Tiefensee. The columns allegedly included about 50 tanks, 30 about 120-mm mortars, 20 AT guns, 30 x 132-mm rocket launchers and about 100 trucks, including some occupied by troops.

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[redacted] Comment. Beginning on 1 February, units of the 6th Gds Pecz Div probably conducted exercises in the area south of Eberswalde, with troops bivouacking on either side of Trarper Chaussee between 1 and 4 February. The exercises presumably involved the bulk of the units of the 6th Gds Pecz Div quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne and elements of headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Pecz Army from the Schuetzen Kaserne, probably the 63d AAA Div (US) and the 312th Gds RL Bgt. [redacted]

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[redacted] belong to the Hq Third Gds Pecz Army, are believed to have been confused. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the other installations mentioned. See [redacted]

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